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SUBJ: SATRA CORPORATION TRADE MISSION TO GDR

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1. IT APPEARS THAT MOST MEMBERS OF SATRA- ORGANIZED US TRADE GROUP (REFTEL) HAVE NOW LEFT EAST BERLIN. MISSION EFFORTS TO CONTACT THOSE MEMBERS OF GROUP WHO DEPARTED VIA WEST BERLIN PROVED FRUIT- LESS.

2. JUDGING FROM GDR PRESS REPORTS, GROUP' S VISIT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN QUITE SUCCESSFUL. ACCORDING TO NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, GROUP HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH TOP OFFICIALS OF MINISTRIES OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY; ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGY AND ELECTRONICS; PROCESSING MACHINERY AND VE- HICLE CONSTRUCTION; AND HIGHER AND SPECIALIZED EDUCATION. IN ADDITION, GROUP HELD TALKS WITH HIGH OFFICIALS OF STATE BANK, FOREIGN TRADE BANK, AND INSTITUTE FOR INDUSTRIAL DESIGN. THESE DISCUSSIONS REPORTEDLY WERE TRANSLATED INTO TANGIBLE (BUT UNSPE- CIFIED) RESULTS IN FOLLOW- UP MEETINGS WITH SEVERAL GDR FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATIONS.

3. IMPORTANCE GDR ATTACHED TO THIS VISIT EVIDENT FROM FACT THAT,
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ON APRIL 5, GROUP WAS RECEIVED BY STOPH, GDR CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. APRIL 6 NEUES DEUTSCHLAND FRONTPAGE REPORT ON MEETING STATED CONVERSATION CONCERNED " PROBLEMS OF GDR- US RELATIONS AND OTHER QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST." AMERICANS WERE SAID TO HAVE EXPRESSED HIGH OPINION OF GDR INDUSTRY, SCIENCE, CULTURE AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. ND ARTICLE CONCLUDED WITH STATEMENT THAT " ELIMINATION OF EXISTING IMPEDIMENTS AND OBSTACLES TO NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IS IN INTEREST OF BOTH PEOPLES."

4. PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, US GROUP GAVE RECEPTION FOR GDR HOSTS, AT WHICH HARTLEY, PRESIDENT OF UNION OIL OF CALIFORNIA, REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION WITH RESULTS OF VISIT, PARTICULARLY ITS USEFULNESS IN DEVELOPING US- GDR ECONOMIC RELATIONS. KLEIN

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